There is an enormous amount of research material in books, museums, internet, collectors, and just talking with individuals, particularly older women discussing their experiences with dolls. Since I've collected since childhood not only dolls, I've also collected hoards of books. The important fact, though, that with all the books one has, it isn't until you start a research project such as I have on dolls that the impact of discovery becomes an awakening, a stirring to do further research. I found this to be the case.

The most important research event, in my opinion, was the result of the study done by Kenneth and Mamie Clark in 1947 on children aged 3 to 7. They were shown one black doll and one white doll and asked questions such as which doll they wanted to play with, which was bad, and so forth. Sixty percent of the black children chose the white doll as being more positive. This study was used in the Supreme Court decision, a doll study, that showed that segregation generates inferiority and affects children. Keep in mind this was 1947. Another study by Hraba and Grant in 1970 supposedly used the same controlled standards and the results were sixty percent for the *black* doll. Thus, the Civil Rights Movement, Black Power Movement, and Feminist Movement were empowered by this study by Clark and Clark. Dolls reflected changes because manufacturers, while not involved in movements, responded through the 1950's, 1960', and 1970's